Action against Telecom employees

1573. SHRI E. BALANANDAN:
SHRI MOTURU HANUMANTHA RAO:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the telecom employees are being threatoned of dismissals under Article 311 of the Indian Constitution for below par performance of telephone, telex and telegraph services; and

(b) if so, in which manner the employees can be held responsible for below par performance by old and obsolete equipments in the exchanges?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Sact threat to Telecom employees

1574. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in the Telegraph of the 13th January, 1989 captioned "Sack threat to telecom employees by the Minister"; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) Though the Staff side of the Departmental J.C.M. had in a letter dated 28.1.1989 stated that such a news item appeared in the Press, they neither enclosed the news clipping, nor specifically mentioned the name of any newspaper. The intention was not that the constantly erring employees be sacked summarily, but that strict action according to the rules should be taken in such cases.

(b) Does not arise.

PTA production capacity of Reliance Industries Limited

1575. SHRI A.G. KULKARNI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report which appeared in the Times of India dated 28th February, 1989 quoting Mr. Dhirubhai Ambani, Chairman and Managing Director of Reliances Industries Limited, as saying that the PTA plant of RIL is producing 16,000 tonnes per month which is 1,92,000 tonnes per annum;

(b) what was the original requirement of Paraxylene envisaged by the Reliance Industries Limited for captive consumption;

(c) if so, what steps Governments have taken to determine the capacity of the plant; and

(d) what action Government propose to take if the capacity of the plant is more than the licenced capacity of 1,00,000 tonnes per annum?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) Government has seen the news report.

(b) The company is entitled to undertake captive manufacture of the Intermediate, paraxylene, for production of PTA.

(c) and (d) The actual production of the unit during 1988-89, as reported by the company, was within 125 per cent of its licensed capacity which is permissible under the extant policy.